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This Wednesday, members of the Holy Cross community came together like seagulls for the dedication and rededication ceremony for a pair of murals installed outside Dinand.

The two murals are *Crivus Branching* and *Lungs of the Planet*. *Crivus Branching* is a mural that was created in 2004 as a way to increase community relations between Holy Cross and the College Hill neighborhood. The mural was originally located at the former College Hill Civic Association Building, on 12 Kendig. However, when the building was repurposed to become a home for a veteran and his family. The

mural was then moved to Dinand Plaza. The mural was designed by Hillary Christen Sloate, a musician who was a College Hill resident at the time. Sloate gave a short message to those attending the dedicating via video from Washington D.C., after an introduction by Vice President of Student Affairs Jacqueline Peterson. After Sloate's video, Digital Scholarship Librarian Lisa Villa, '90, spoke. Villa brought the unique perspective of being a Holy Cross alum, employee, and a resident of College Hill at the time of the mural. Villa talked about the history of the mural and the positive

effect it had on the community at a time when tensions between

Holy Cross students and College Hill residents were very high.



*photo by Jack Godar*

Students taking in the *Lungs of the Planet* mural

After Villa's talk, focus shifted to the *Lungs of the Planet* mosaic on the Dinand patio. This mosaic was a project by the Natural World cluster for Montserrat Caroline Fleming, '18, ran through the process of creating the mural, from the conception to the design, to the execution.

Sarah Valente, '16, then gave a presentation about two mural projects she

spearheaded. The two projects are the *Magellan Mural Project* and the *Figge Mural*. The *Magellan Mural* project is dedicated to the restoration of two murals at Worcester East Middle School by famous Works Progress Administration painter Jennie Magellan, which are about the founder and first settler of Worcester, Jonas Rice. The *Figge Mural* project was a project to install a mural in Figge, where Valente is Head RA. The mural was designed by Michael Allen, '16, and titled *Collegiate Kaleidoscope*.

At the end of the program, those in attendance were able to view the mosaics and mingle and enjoy light refreshments.